Negotiations with Lockheed Corporation for Transport Planes

3874. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether negotiations have lately been going on with M/s Lockheed Corporation of the US, manufacturer of C-130 transport planes, to replace the Soviet made cargo planes; and

(b) if so, with what results indicating the terms of the agreement or collaboration, if any, entered into with the said firm?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Submarines with China and Pakistan

3875. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of submarines China and Pakistan possess;

(b) what is the estimated number of submarines India needs to protect her interests; and

(c) what is the 5—year Naval Plan for Indian Navy?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As per published information the Chinese Navy are reported to have 108 conventional and 5 nuclear propelled submarines. The Pakistani Navy are reported to have 6 conventional and 3 midget submarines.

(b) and (c) The force levels of the Indian Navy are being developed in accordance with a Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) and the Five Year Naval Plans which take into account the geo-political environment in the region, the maritime interests of the country, the types operations that the Indian Navy would be called upon to perform, as well as the availability of funds.

Cooperation in Defence Field between India and Malaysia

3876. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have recently been any talks between the Defence Ministers of India and Malaysia about cooperation between the two countries in the field of Defence;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the scope of partnership between the two countries in the fields of Science, Technology and Defence?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The discussions so far have been of an exploratory nature.

Development of Infra-red detectors for missiles

3877. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM :
SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what efforts have been made by Government to indigenously develop the Infra-red Detectors for missiles ;

(b) whether Government have received any report pointing out thwarting of such efforts under the Defence Research and Development Project No. PX-SPL-47, and also pointing out the misappropriation of stores meant for research; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Defence Research & Development Organisation has undertaken work for indigenous development of Infra-red Detectors for missiles.

(b) and (c) Government have not received any report from any outside agency/persons about development project No. PX-SPL-47. However an officer